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## SCRIPTURE

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Matthew 6:34 ESV

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

12 September A.D. 2021  
*Divine Service, Setting IV*

## **† Welcome in the name of Jesus! †**

Today we observe the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we rejoice in God's promise to care perfectly for all our needs. As we know, our tendency as sinful human beings is to worry. We worry about our health. We worry about our finances. We worry about our family. But our Lord Jesus makes a promise to us, by virtue of His cross: If we seek first His Kingdom, He will care for us perfectly and we never need to worry.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,  
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,  
I humbly pray that You would open my heart  
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may  
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my  
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.  
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** We believe that when we receive Holy Communion together, we are publicly declaring both our unity in Christ and our agreement in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Hymn of Invocation: 726 Evening and Morning



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and  
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my  
3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows  
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad-ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the  
ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may  
tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair  
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with-out num - ber, A - wake or in  
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my  
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - crea - sing And peace nev - er  
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre-serves us,  
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;  
ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure  
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.  
All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.  
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.  
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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# Service of the Word

## Introit (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3*

- P** Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
    save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- C** Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
    for to you do I cry all the day.
- P** Gladden the soul of your servant,  
    for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- C** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
    listen to my plea for grace.
- P** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;  
    turn to me and be gracious to me;
- C** give your strength to your servant,  
    and save the son of your maidservant.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
    and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
    is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
    save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- C** Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
    for to you do I cry all the day.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup>"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and

said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 118:8–9*

**P** It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in man.

**C** It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in princes.

### Epistle

*Galatians 5:25—6:10*

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

<sup>2</sup>Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

<sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*  
**Alleluia and Verse**

Music notation for the Alleluia. The melody consists of three measures in common time, starting with a half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

Music notation for the verse. The melody consists of three measures in common time, starting with a half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." are written below the notes.

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**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 6:24–34*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Children's Message**

## Hymn of the Day: 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is  
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er  
3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing  
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my

just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,  
will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm

I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed  
And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent  
That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know

In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly

To Him, then, I will yield me.  
Will turn my tears glad - ness.  
My life to Him com - mend - ing.  
That He has loved me dear - ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:  
Though I the cup am drinking  
Which savors now of bitterness,  
I take it without shrinking.  
For after grief  
God gives relief,  
My heart with comfort filling  
And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:  
This truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be  
mine,  
I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm,  
For with His arm  
He shall embrace and shield me;  
So to my God I yield me.

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faith to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, before all earthly things, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all pastors and all missionaries, especially Joe Boway, that by the Holy Spirit the Gospel of God's kingdom would be heard and believed throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For help in every anxiety and worry, that our loving Father, who cares for all creation and will care all the more for our every need, would lead us to look to Him for all good things, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all good works, which God prepared beforehand for us to do in Christ's name; for workers, that they would work diligently for the blessing of their employers and customers; for employers, that they would pay honest wages; and for the unemployed, that they would entrust themselves to their Father's hand, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Joseph, our president; Gretchen, our governor; and all leaders in our land, that they would rule according to God's will and righteous decrees; for soldiers in our armed forces, that God would protect them and send faithful chaplains to comfort them with Christ's forgiveness; and for our nation, that God would lead it to repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and afflicted, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that our merciful Father would give His power to the faint and increase their strength, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all communicants, that they may come to the Lord's Supper in repentance and faith, seeking Christ's forgiveness in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **Offering**

*During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.*

# **Service of the Sacrament**

*Stand*

## **Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff.

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be Thy name,  
    Thy kingdom come,  
    Thy will be done on earth  
        as it is in heaven;  
    give us this day our daily bread;  
    and forgive us our trespasses  
        as we forgive those  
            who trespass against us;  
    and lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
**F**or Thine is the kingdom  
    and the power and the glory  
    forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\ddagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb Je - sus of God, Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

Visitors – Please see the note on the front inside cover of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.

## Distribution Hymn: 732 All Depends on Our Possessing



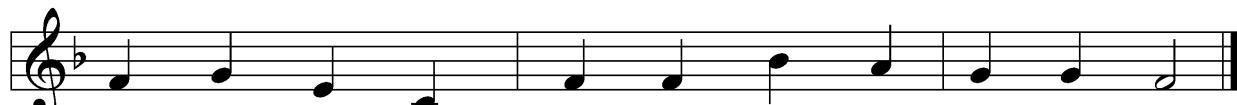
1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
 As God wills, so be it ever;  
 I commit to Him my way.

- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen,  
 God my weary soul will strengthen;  
 All my trust in Him I place.  
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
 Like a stream away is gliding;  
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

## Distribution Hymn: 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,  
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;  
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.  
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

- 5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

C 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant, De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

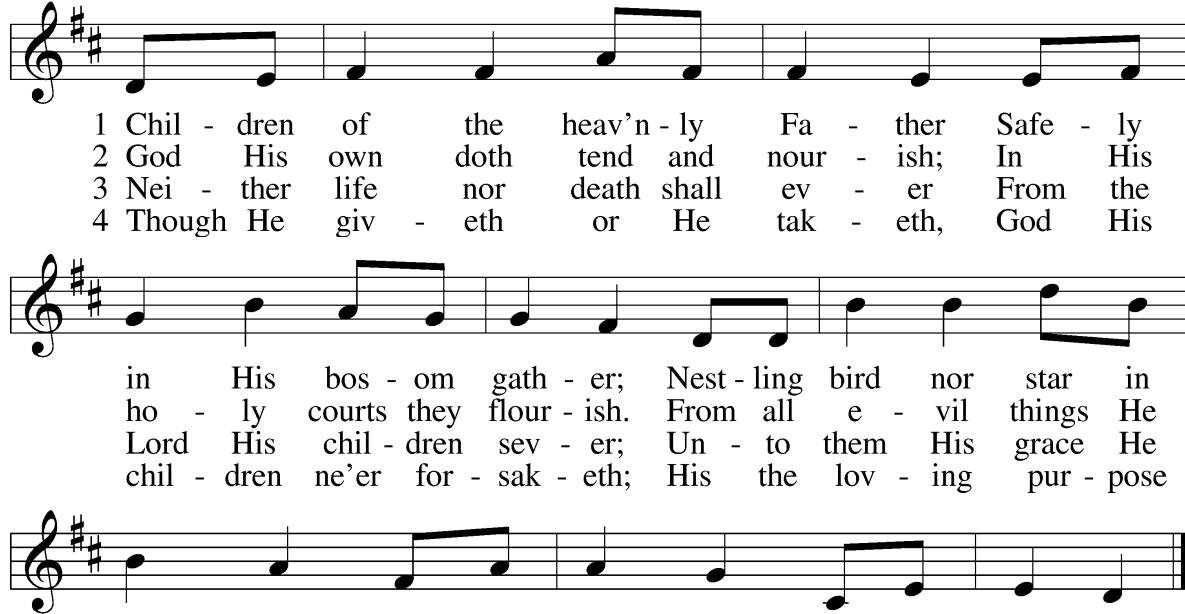
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sun. 9/12 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Grandparents' Day**  
▪ Divine Service 9:30 a.m.  
▪ Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.  
▪ Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

**Mon. 9/13 Pastor's Day Off**

**Tue. 9/14 Holy Cross Day**  
**Pastor out of the office in the p.m.**

**Fri. 9/17 Deadline to submit October's newsletter articles**

**Sat. 9/18 Mission Planning Workshop 9 a.m. - Noon**

**Sun. 9/19 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
▪ Divine Service 9:30 a.m.  
▪ Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.  
▪ Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING were placed to the glory of God by Barbara Jewell in honor of her and Glenn's 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on September 15. We thank Barbara for this floral tribute!

OUR EFFORTS TO HELP MITIGATE CORONAVIRUS – Here's what you can expect for our Sunday morning Divine Services:

1. Hand sanitizer and face masks will be available on the table in the entryway if you decide to use them.
2. Those who wish may request a squirt of hand sanitizer from the usher before Holy Communion, and sanitizer will also be sitting on small tables in the side altar rooms for your use following Communion.
3. The "Sharing of the Peace" will be temporarily suspended.

Pastor's sermons will still be posted on St. Mark's Facebook page a day or two after each service. Thank you for your gracious cooperation and your flexibility!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – All are welcome to join Pastor Vergin **each Sunday** for Adult Bible Study from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. During the month of September, he will continue teaching on the book of Genesis. The book of Genesis is the first book of the Bible, and it tells the story of God’s salvation from the very beginning. It starts with the creation of the world and the fall into sin, and from there it traces the promise of the Savior from generation to generation, beginning with Adam and culminating with Jacob’s twelve children. It includes the account of Noah and the Flood, the Tower of Babel, the Call of Abraham, and Joseph’s rise in Egypt. At every place it proclaims the steadfast love of God and His faithfulness in redeeming mankind from the guilt of our sin. We hope you will join us for this study! This is a great opportunity to fill your week with God’s Word and to grow in knowledge and faith!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!** Calling all Preschool and Grade School kids! We hope you’ll join us for Sunday School this morning right after the Divine Service in the Library. Sunday School takes place at the same time as the Adult Bible Study class **from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. each Sunday**. Kids will hear a different Bible story each week; what a great way for them to learn about Jesus! And kids are certainly welcome to bring friends and/or family with them also.

**ANNUAL MISSION PLANNING WORKSHOP** – Attention all St. Mark’s Officers and Board Members! This **Saturday, September 18**, we will be holding our annual Mission Planning Workshop. On this day, we will gather to pray, give thanks to God, hear His holy Word, and plan our congregation’s activities for the upcoming year. This workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and will end at noon. Lunch will be provided. Attendance is expected for all Officers and Board Members. If you will not be able to attend, please let Pastor Vergin know as soon as possible. May God grant us faith and wisdom as we consider how best to do the work of His kingdom in 2022!

**THE OPEN DOOR HAS AN IMMEDIATE NEED** for kids’ pajamas (boys, girls...it doesn’t matter) in sizes Newborn to 2T. If you can help, please place your pajama donations in the Open Door bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Any questions regarding this request can be directed to Leslie Oehring.

**TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER** – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are **ALWAYS** in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT** used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” of the envelope paper around the stamp.

**DONATIONS FOR THE *INVISIBLE DAD* LUNCH PROGRAM** - The Invisible Dad lunch program at Keith Elementary School (around the corner from St. Mark's) was started a few years ago by a dad whose children attend there. The program keeps extra money in the school's Invisible Dad Lunch Fund so that if a student's personal lunch account falls too low, or if a student forgets to bring a lunch (or can't afford to bring a lunch), money is available for them to have the same lunch as other students at no cost. This saves the student the embarrassment of being offered just a sandwich wrap and/or cheese/cracker package (the state mandated free items that the school can provide). St. Mark's will continue to receive any loose change you might like to donate toward this program for next year. A clear, glass jar is located on the table at the back of the sanctuary where you can drop any extra change or bills you might have.

**IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE**, please consider participating in their Community Rewards program and link your shopper's bonus card to St. Mark's so that our congregation will receive free cash each quarter! There is no cost to you! Kroger will send a percentage of what you spend in their store(s) to our congregation as a way of supporting the community. We then use this money to help with building maintenance/improvements. If interested, please click on this URL below to see how you can link your Shopper's Bonus Card to our congregation: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>. In order to locate St. Mark's Lutheran Church, search for business # 82449. Thanks so much!



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**SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING**

Presiding Minister

Pastor Aaron Vergin

Acolyte	TBD
Altar Guild	Karen Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Julie & Kari Kosmalski
Offering Counters	Mary Lockwood & Jean Swainson
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Percussionist	David Drake
Trumpeter	Chris Gerard
Usher	Matt Maier
Video Technician	Charlie Powell